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SUBJECT: USG APPROVAL OF SALE OF MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

TO SYRIA (MC CASE 75965); SYRIAN INTEREST IN C-130 AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 214671

1. ADVISED COS SHIHABI OCTOBER 5 OF OUR DECISION TO APPROVE SALE OF 100 RF-301 MILITARY RADIO TRANSCEIVERS FOR SYRIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. TOLD SHIHABI THIS DECISION WAS RESULT OF CONTINUING PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF US-SARG RELATIONS. CAUTIONED THAT WHILE HE SHOULD SEE THIS AS A POSITIVE SIGNAL FROM OUR SIDE, HE SHOULD NOT BUILD ON THIS ONE EXAMPLE UNWARRANTED HOPES FOR SYRIAN PROCUREMENT FROM US SOURCES.

2. SHIHABI EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT NEWS AND SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE SENIOR SYRIAN ARMY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

3. COMMENT: DID NOT RPT NOT REFER TO POSSIBLE AD HOC SALE OF MILITARY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT ITEMS CITED IN PARA 2 REFTL. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF SYRIA'S INTEREST IN SUCH AIRCRAFT
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(DAMASCUS 0522, 5/11/74). EMBASSY HAS JUST REPORTED MESSAGE

FROM LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE BEIRUT SAYING THAT SYRIA MIGHT
REMIND SECRETARY DURING HIS OCTOBER 11 VISIT OF THEIR INTEREST
IN BUYING FOUR C-130S (DAMASCUS 2222). REQUEST URGENT
CONFIRMATION THAT DEPARTMENT (OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL)
IS NOW PREPARED CONSIDER FAVORABLY SALE OF C-130 AIRCRAFT
TO SYRIA.
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